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Senator Warren Magnuson  
U.S. Senate, Washington D.C.

August 11, 1980

Dear Senator Magnuson:

I learned today from the Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaustal Studies that there is a man, a very great man, whose life you could help to save. His name is Raoul Wallenberg. He is a Swedish diplomat who volunteered in 1944 to go to Hungary to help its people, particularly the Jews. In 1945, when the Russians captured Hungary, he was mysteriously taken prisoner, and he has been held ever since in the Soviet Gulag.

This man risked his life time after time to rescue Jews from the death trains. He climbed on top of them and handed Swedish passports to all those who could reach out and take. Then he demanded that these fortunate ones, now under the protection of the Swedish Government, be released. And they were. Also he set up "international houses," which flew the Swedish flag, and thus gave sanctuary to thousands of Jews. All in all, he saved the lives of more than 25,000 Hungarian Jews.

Won't you please use all the influence you have, even if it's limited, to prevail upon the Russians to free this rare and compassionate human being?

Please.

Sincerely,

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